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TOPIC Engineer Exercises in the Rosslau-Dessau-Kleutzsch AreaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1
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1. On 2 September 1955, some 120 soldiers, 20 wooden and 15 steel pontoons, 4 pneumatic rafts with outboard motors, 1 motorboat and small amounts of boards, beams and piles were observed at the Rosslau engineer training site. No training activity was observed. Motor vehicle were seen. At about 1900 on 5 September, engineer units of between 500 and 600 soldiers including 150 to 200 KVPs engaged in exercises on the Mulde River in the area between Dessau and Kleutzsch. Each 2 two-section closed steel pontoons were connected by beams of about 4 meters length. These ferries were arranged into a bridge. When the bridge was approximately 120 meters long, it was disassembled. It was the impression that special stress was laid on quick assembling and disassembling of this bridge. A 4-meter wide bridge, about 200 meters long, was constructed from wooden pontoons, boards, beams and piles some 400 meters from the first bridge. Motor vehicle were seen. At about 0800 on 6 September, the unit was gone. 25X1
2. Between 28 August and 3 September, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg was only partially occupied. Several rooms were being reconditioned. The vehicle sheds on Brueckstrasse were vacant. 25X1

Comment. The exercise presumably involved elements of the 36th Bridge Bldg Regt of GSFG from Magdeburg which is believed to be stationed in the Seeckt Kaserne. Three of the motor vehicle observed belong to this regiment, the others belong in the area of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The steel pontoons were probably of type TMP and the wooden pontoons of the second bridge of type DMP. 25X1

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